HORACE BROWN AND R. TOWNLEY BRYAN AND THEIR PING-PONG SERVES. Diagram of Brown's "drop ball" serve at bottom.

R. Townley Bryan Challenges De Mauriac,
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Player to Big Match

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Evening World, accounts of tournaments, announcements of coming contests, special matches,

A new ping-pong champion has thrown down the gauntiet-or racquet, one might say-to the Norman de Mauriac, the ping-pong king of

R. Townley Bryan has defied the broker champion.

The challenge is to play for the highest stakes ever at issue in a pingpong game in this country-\$500 a

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champion, Horace Brown, of the Yale
Club. And at that Bryan gave the tall
Yalensian a hard battle. Some persons
wno know a little about the game think
Brown and Bryan are the two strongest
players in New York.

Bryan seems to be a coming man. He
has not yet the precision of placing the
ball that Brown has acquired, but he is
a marvel of ingenuity in changing tactics from one stroke to another, and he
has a serve that will make the best of
players look alive.

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Like Crazy Cannon Ball.

Imagine a cannon ball coming toward you. Then imagine a cannon ball coming crooked or corkscrew fashion. Then you have some idea of what Bryan's opponent has to meet.

As Bryan hits the ball he draws his emery-faced racquet across it horizontally, giving the featherweight sphere the "cut" so many aspire to attain. Bryan's cut makes the ball fly on a curve to the right and makes it "break"—that is, bounce—sharply to the right when it leaves the table. It is a wicked serve.

Horace Brown, on the other hand, by using an entirely different "cut" produces an entirely different kind of a serve, and one that is just as tricky as Bryan's.

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Bryan's, Brown uses the penhandle grip—that is, holds the racquet in vertical position all the time. He serves by a long, hard, full stroke along the right side and directed straight forward. He gets just as much speed as Bryan, and better placing. When the two met the other day it was a toss-up on serves.

Brown's Drop Ball.

Mr. Brown's pet is a "drop ball," which is exactly analogous to the basebali pitcher's in or out shoot and as deceptive. As he brings his forearm sharply up in striking he draws the racquet vertically upward, giving the ball a rotary motion, such as it would have if running along the ground, instead of flying over a net. The result is that when it strikes the table its bounce is more forward than upward. The opposing player, who holds his racquet to meet an ordinary ball, will miss this drop altogether, just as the baseball batter who does not understand a curve will fan the air.

Brown usually delivers this ball close to the far edge of the table. When he does that a new peculiarity of this serve becomes manifest. Instead of continuing on a slightly upward course after bouncing, the ball practically drops over the edge of the table in a short down curve.

The player who wants to meet that ball has to get his racquet below the table, and that is not a position from which it is easy to make a good return.

players look alive.
That serve is like one of Kellar's tricks. You see it, but you don't know how it is done. Bryan, who is a tennis player of renown and President of the New York Lawn Tennis Club, has been playing ping-pong about two months, and has evolvel this serve from a well-known backhand delivery.
Bryan crouches a triffe as he serves. He starts with the racquet held backhanded, near his left shoulder, and he stands with his right side toward the table. Holding the ball in his left, he drops it on the racquet as the blade is just rising from a tremendous down

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